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## Report claims arrest made in LRT death

**MURDER** An Edmonton radio station is reporting that an arrest has been made in the fatal shooting of a woman at a city LRT station.

CHED says a man was arrested in north Edmonton late Monday and taken in for questioning following the Friday night death of Heather Rae Thurier.

The radio station says a sawed-off shotgun was used in the killing and that Thurier and the male may have known each other. Police have said the 23-year-old mother of two was killed after a brief verbal confrontation.

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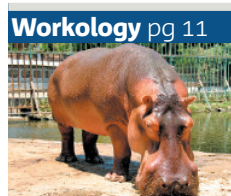
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Misty Lee Bailey, longtime girlfriend of cyclist Darcy Allan Sheppard, cries while leaving court in Toronto yesterday. All charges against former Ontario attorney general Michael Bryant have been dropped in connection with the death of Sheppard, a bike courier from Edmonton.

# Charges dropped

Little chance of conviction in local bike courier's death: Prosecutor

A former attorney general once considered to be a top contender for Ontario premier received a political reprieve yesterday after criminal charges stemming from his fatal encounter with a bike courier from Edmonton were withdrawn.

While he remained tight-lipped about his future, Michael Michael Bryant has been spared the ordeal of a lengthy trial on charges of criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving.

An independent prosecutor determined there was

little chance of conviction.

"To be honest, I haven't really thought about much other than getting through this experience one day at a time," Bryant said at a news conference convened after court. "And I don't know what the future holds. I do know that I've got some legal bills to pay and that I will be going back to work."

The charges were laid last September following the death of Darcy Allan Sheppard, 33, after a late-night altercation with Bryant in Toronto's Yorkville district.

But in a rare show of co-

**"Our conclusion is that Mr. Bryant had been attacked by a man who unfortunately was in a rage."**

Richard Peck, prosecutor

operation between the defence and prosecution, new evidence was uncovered that made a conviction unlikely.

Sheppard had a history of aggressive behaviour with drivers, including one alleged incident that happened just a few hours before his death, court heard. He also had about twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood, according to a post-mortem toxicology report. Earlier that night, the Ed-

monton native and father of four showed up intoxicated at his girlfriend's home, but police allowed him to ride off on his bike, said independent prosecutor Richard Peck.

"Our conclusion is that Mr. Bryant had been attacked by a man who unfortunately was in a rage," he said. "In such circumstances he was legally justified in attempting to get away. The case could not be proved."

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## Another sought in cold case murder

ELISE BARTA  
for Metro Edmonton

**CRIME** Edmonton police are looking for a possible second suspect after arresting a man in connection with the 28-year-old murder of a cab driver.

On Dec. 4, 1981 Gerdina Kruidbos, 33, was found dead in her cab. According to police she had been sexually assaulted and died from multiple stab wounds. Police arrested Robert James Fletcher, 50, at his home on May 20, and charged him with first-degree murder along with rape, robbery, kidnapping and possession of an offensive weapon.

"Our investigations have shown, and we believe, that Mr. Fletcher, in 1981, was not alone when Kruidbos picked him up in her cab," said Det. Howie Antoniuk. "We believe there was another male acquaintance or friend with Mr. Fletcher."

Police are requesting that anyone who might be friends with, or who may have known Fletcher back in 1981, to come forward with any information related to this or any other crime he may have been involved in. Fletcher was allegedly very active in the bar scene and drug sub-culture of 1981, and had associates who shared similar lifestyles.

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## AGA debuts Bromley exhibit

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### News in brief

**TRAIN** An Edmonton cyclist has life-threatening injuries after pedalling across a light-rail transit line and into the path of a train he apparently did not know was coming. The man, who was wearing ear buds at the time, had stopped for a lowered LRT crossing arm just north of the downtown on Thursday. Witnesses say a train went past and the man cycled around the barrier and into the path of a second train going the other way. It's believed he never heard or saw the second unit, which was travelling around 60 km/h.

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## CFB honours native youth

ANDREAS MORSE  
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**CFB Edmonton opened celebrations for Aboriginal Awareness Week by honouring native youth yesterday.**

"We are very privileged in this country that Canada's military relationship with the native community goes back hundreds of years," said Lt.-Col. Tom Bradley, base commander, CFB Edmonton. "It's a very strong relationship."

Aboriginal Awareness Week is meant to celebrate the rich history, diversity, cultures and traditions of Canada's Inuit, Métis and First Nations People.

The opening ceremonies at CFB Edmonton included traditional drummers, a drill display by the Hobbema Cadet Corps and speeches from various elders. The weeklong celebration started yesterday and culminates Friday.

"Each year we do this for one week in the month of May," Bradley said. "This year we're focusing on youth. It allows us to



Members of the River Cree Drum Group perform yesterday at the opening ceremonies of Aboriginal Awareness Week at CFB Edmonton.

foster an understanding of the native culture within the Canadian Forces and Alberta in particular."

The drill display was the highlight of the ceremony with about a dozen young, native cadets marching on command for the elders, military personnel and the RCMP, who were in attendance. The RCMP also presented a teepee to the base as part of the week's celebrations.

"As a young person, whether it's my son or the colonel's daughter, they're looking for a sense of belonging," said RCMP chief Supt. Fred Kamins.

"For many of them if they come from a fractured home environment, they don't have that sense at home. So they get some of that through belonging to cadets. That sense of be-

longing is what drives people to gangs and we're looking to provide an alternative to that gap that's being filled by gangs."

There are more than 1,000 young people enrolled in the Hobbema Cadet Corps.

"They're involved and it's giving them a sense of community spirit and community involvement," Kamins said.

## Driver's eye injury unfixable, Crown tells sentencing hearing

**TRIAL** In the span of a few violent seconds, Gary Mattson felled bus driver Tom Bregg and kicked him into near blindness, piledriving his heel into Bregg's eye until it collapsed deep into his skull.

The eye "is so sunken back, even after reconstructive surgeries, the deformity will remain," Crown prosecutor Patricia Innes told provincial court

Monday at Mattson's sentencing hearing.

"Also, there will be significant scarring and significant facial asymmetry," she said, reading aloud from eye doctor reports.

Mattson has pleaded guilty to aggravated assault for the Dec. 3 beating. It was a case that focused a spotlight on other bus driver assaults in the Alberta capital and

launched a public debate about how to protect those who take thousands of people to and from work every day.

Bregg was driving the No. 10 bus through the north end around 7 a.m. that day when Mattson began banging on the bus at a stop, demanding to be let on. Once aboard, he was loud, angry and disruptive, witnesses said, forcing

Bregg to order him off the bus. Mattson then coldcocked Bregg in the head, according to surveillance tapes, before dragging him off the bus and stomping on his head 14 times.

Bregg was in intensive care for two weeks. Judge Harry Bridges was told Bregg's livelihood is likely gone.

## 2010 hockey teams to help raise funds for outdoor rink

**SPORT** Canada's men's and women's hockey teams will be bringing their gold with them to the City of Champions in the hopes of raising some green for a new outdoor rink.

The Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation (EOCF) announced yesterday that it is joining forces with the Hockey Canada Foundation to host a gala celebration and golf tournament, Rings of Gold, in Edmonton June 28-29.

"The golf tournament is already sold out and there are only six or seven tables left for the dinner," said Allan Watt, VP, broadcast and communications with the Oilers.

The event is meant to recognize the 2010 Olympic gold medal winners and to raise money for a new rink that would fit into Telus Field while the Capitals aren't playing ball.

The rink is slated to open in the fall of 2011 and would be used by minor hockey teams as well as the general public.

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Sidney Crosby, sporting his Team Canada jersey, celebrates the team's 2010 Olympic win. Team members are heading to Edmonton for a gala fundraiser.



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**Strathcona bylaw changes up for discussion at public meeting**

Strathcona area structure plan and zoning bylaw changes for properties at 10128 - 88 Ave. and 10149 Saskatchewan Dr. will be discussed during a public meeting June 3 at King Edward Elementary School at 7 p.m. Changes would allow expanded commercial use and update parking. For more information, contact Kelly Greenland at 780-496-5369. **METRO EDMONTON**

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Metric, led by frontwoman Emily Haines, will perform in Edmonton July 30 as part of the Capital Ex lineup.

## Metric among acts for Capital Ex concert series

**LINEUP** Capital Ex has announced its entertainment lineup for the Telus Stage this summer.

Some of the performers include George Canyon with guest Gord Bamford, the Stereos with guest Down With Webster, and Metric with guest Hot Hot Heat.

Canadian Country Music Award-winner Canyon and Gord Bamford, another CCMA winner, will take the stage July 25.

Edmonton's own Stereos

and Down With Webster will be performing July 26.

Metric, which won the 2010 Juno Award for group of the year, and Hot Hot Heat will be performing July 30.

Now that the construction of the Edmonton Expo Centre has been completed, the grounds have been redesigned to take full advantage of space and various venues at Northlands.

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## Exxon resolution seeks report on oilsands investment risks

**VOTE** A group of shareholders is asking energy giant ExxonMobil to report on the risks of its investments in Alberta's oilsands.

A resolution calling for such a report is to be voted on at the corporation's annual general meeting today in Dallas, Texas.

The proposal calls for information on possible long-term risks to ExxonMobil's finances by the environmental, social and economic challenges associated with the oilsands.

Emily Stone of Green Century Capital Management says even though the resolution isn't likely to pass, it will raise awareness about the oilsands.

ExxonMobil's board is recommending that shareholders vote against the proposal.

Similar resolutions were brought forward earlier this spring at BP, ConocoPhillips and Royal Dutch Shell shareholder meetings.

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## Stollery getting 10 more beds

**HEALTH** Ten more beds are opening up in the Stollery Children's Hospital this September.

The expanded capacity at the Stollery will allow the facility and two other Edmonton hospitals to focus efforts where most of their care for children is needed.

"The Stollery was developed to serve as a specialized site with the expertise and programs to ensure

children who require inpatient services get the best care available," said Dr. Susan Gilmore, clinical department head for child health, Edmonton zone, and chair of the department of pediatrics at the University of Alberta.

"Adding these beds is another step in consolidating pediatric in-patient beds in the Edmonton area at the Stollery Children's Hospital."

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# U2 defers Edmonton show

Concert to be rescheduled for 2011 after Bono hurts back

**Upcoming U2 shows in Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal have been postponed as lead singer Bono recovers from back surgery.**

A statement on the band's website said a string of concerts beginning in Salt Lake City June 3 and ending in New Jersey July 19 will be rescheduled for 2011.

That includes a scheduled gig in Edmonton June 23, one in Toronto July 3, and two in Montreal July 16-17.

The band's website said concertgoers should hold on to their tickets until further information is available.

U2 announced last week that Bono had undergone emergency back surgery in a Munich hospital after injuring himself while preparing for the group's tour.

He has been released from hospital but doctors recommended at least two months of rest.

U2's debut gig at Britain's iconic Glastonbury festival has also been scrapped. Festival organizers said Bono called founder Michael Eavis to tell him.

In a statement on Glas-



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tonbury's website, Eavis said it "was obvious from our telephone conversation that U2 are hugely dis-

appointed."

A replacement headlin-

ing act has not been announced. The festival,

which runs June 23-27, attracts more than 175,000 people.

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The Flaming Lips, led by frontman Wayne Coyne, left, and K'naan will be performing in Edmonton in September.

## Flaming Lips, K'naan, Scorpions ready to rock

**CONCERTS** While U2 fans were stung after the group postponed its Canadian tour dates, they can take solace in the fact that a variety of other big-name groups will be performing in Edmonton this summer and into the fall.

Canadian rapper K'naan, American alternative rockers the Flaming

Lips and German hard-rock group Scorpions will be performing in Edmonton.

Scorpions will be performing Aug. 10 at the Shaw Conference Centre. The band has sold more than 100 million albums worldwide, and some of its hits include Rock You Like A Hurricane and

Wind Of Change.

The Flaming Lips, with special guests Ariel Pink's Haunted Graffiti, will be performing at the Edmonton Events Centre Sept. 24. The group is known for its over-the-top live shows and eclectic sound.

K'naan will be performing at the Edmonton Events Centre Sept. 28.

His hit single Waving Flag has been chosen as the Coca-Cola anthem for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, which will mean plenty of international exposure for the artist.

To purchase tickets, go to livenation.com or Ticketmaster outlets and the Rogers Wireless box office.

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Canada has formally suspended diplomatic relations with North Korea over the sinking of a South Korean warship. The move comes a day after the government announced new sanctions, including restrictions on trade, investment and other bilateral relations. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

# Canada



## Were fatal car crashes deliberate?

Police say Denis Philippon may have deliberately used his car as an instrument of death in separate accidents that killed four people on Monday, including himself and his own four-year-old son, both shown here in a snapshot from his Facebook page. The crashes occurred 10 minutes apart, southeast of Montreal. Weeks earlier Philippon told Facebook friends about the sorrow of being left by his longtime girlfriend, saying he needed to overcome the pain for the sake of his children. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Government muzzles staffers

**Opposition MPs are threatening to subpoena Dimitri Soudas, Stephen Harper's chief spokesperson, to appear before a Commons committee in the latest political showdown over Parliamentary powers.**

The government sparked angry opposition denunciations after declaring yesterday that the political staff of cabinet ministers — including Harper's own staff — would no longer be allowed to testify before parliamentary committees.

The declaration was made just before Soudas himself was due to appear before the Commons' ethics committee probing

political interference in access to information requests. Government House Leader Jay Hill told the Commons that committees don't give political staff a fair shake and as a result cabinet ministers would appear in their place.

"The tyranny of the opposition majority has turned its attention to the men and women who make up our political staff," Hill said.

But opposition MPs quickly denounced the move, branding it as another attempt to undermine democracy by a Conservative government

that has already tested MPs' patience by twice proroguing Parliament and withholding papers related to Afghan detainees.

"This is a serious affront to Parliament and could establish ... a very serious precedent," said Liberal MP Wayne Easter.

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**Why are so few making the cut for long-awaited visa program for Afghan interpreters?**

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## Ontario Fatal plane crash



A plane crashed into the roof of a building yesterday in Markham, Ont., killing the two aboard, town officials said. None of the 14 employees in the building were seriously hurt.

## Focus on aid, group says

**G8** The Canadian government shouldn't allow the G8 to be sidetracked by debates over abortion and instead should be prepared to put up cold, hard cash for poor countries, says a leading anti-poverty network.

ONE, an umbrella group of aid advocates founded by U2 singer Bono, says billions of dollars are needed if the G8 is going to make a meaningful dent in maternal and child health conditions in developing countries.

But anti-poverty advocates, summit researchers and opposition politicians have yet to see any serious talk about money. At the same time, they see G8 discussions on the Canada-led initiative getting bogged down.

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**Canada's top general in Kandahar fined for firing weapon**

Canada's top soldier in Kandahar has been fined \$3,500 for negligently firing two rounds with his assault rifle as his boss, the chief of defence staff, stood nearby. A court martial handed down the fine yesterday after finding Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard guilty of an offence under the National Defence Act. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Fraser firm on audit process

**Auditor general Sheila Fraser says she's not about to have MPs tell her how to conduct an audit of the House of Commons.**

"There really isn't a whole lot of negotiation in an audit," Fraser told the Toronto Star yesterday.

The board of internal economy, a secretive, all-party committee of MPs that controls Commons spending, has refused Fraser's request to vet the \$503.5-million annual budget, which includes \$235 million for administrative expenses and \$248 million for MPs and officers of the Commons. The MPs' expenses last year totalled about \$127 million.

Despite suggestions by NDP Leader Jack Layton that renewed talks would take place soon, Fraser hasn't been approached about further discussion.

Dimitri Soudas, a spokesperson for Stephen Harper, said the prime minister "would like to see this matter resolved with more transparency" and hopes discussions between Fraser

and the board of internal economy continue.

Some MPs have said Fraser has no jurisdiction to audit the Commons since she reports to Parliament.

Others returned to Parliament from a week-long constituency break somewhat chastened after feeling the sting of public outrage and frankly admitted to reporters they were losing the public relations war.

Fraser is trying to clear up what she says is the misunderstanding that she was going to do a detailed audit of MPs' individual expenses. "What we proposed was an audit of the systems and practices of the administration of the House as a whole, a performance audit, not an audit of the MPs, not an audit of MPs' expenses," she said.

She acknowledged her audit could end up looking at some MPs' expenses in terms of whether they are following proper procedures, but emphasized this would not entail a detailed look at all 308 MPs.

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## Ottawa Capital heat



Pamela Dagher, left, 18, and Cynthia Meghaizel, 19, try to stay cool in the Rideau River in Ottawa yesterday. The capital is under a heat alert with temperatures over 30 C that felt closer to 40 C with the humidity.

### News in brief

**ARCTIC** A northern regulator has given the go-ahead for government scientists to look for oil and gas in a proposed Arctic marine conservation area. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has put a long se-

ries of conditions on its approval of proposed seismic tests to be conducted this summer in Lancaster Sound, just north of Baffin Island. Parks Canada wants to protect the area, saying it teems with ma-

rine life from bowhead whales to walrus. Local Inuit groups have also protested the testing. But the board says identifying resources is part of the protection process.

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## Dead man found in barrel had crime links

**TORONTO** Authorities have cracked the mystery of a concrete-encased body found in a rusted barrel hoisted from Lake Ontario.

Toronto police Det. Justin Vander Heyden said the "well preserved" remains have been identified as Quang Lu, 47, who had ties to Asian organized crime.

Lu, who was known to police and went by the nickname "The Black Ghost," had no regular job and no obvious source of income, Vander Heyden said. Lu was identified through fingerprint analysis and his left index finger was known to be severed above the knuckle, which also helped investigators make the positive identification. Police are not looking for any more of his remains. The divorced father of one disappeared in late October or early November 2007, said Vander Heyden.

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**U.S. soldier under investigation for video showing mocking of Iraqi children**  
An Alaska-based soldier is under investigation for a video on his Facebook page that taunts smiling Iraqi children by asking if they're gay, if they engage in certain sex acts and if they would grow up to be terrorists. The two young boys did not appear to understand the questions, which were in English. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# World



## W. writes about why he quit drinking

George W. Bush said yesterday that his upcoming book begins with an anecdote about his wife convincing him to give up drinking. Laura Bush pushed the former U.S. president to decide whether he preferred drinking to fatherhood, and whether he loved booze more than his wife. He said he realized he had an addictive personality and quit drinking cold turkey.

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## More than 100 killed in China flood

**RAINS** A torrent of floods caused by heavy storms have killed 115 people in southern China, with 21 people still missing as weather reports show rains beginning to subside. Emergency rescue teams have been dispatched across southern China to help the 685,000 people evacuated as a result of the flooding, which has caused \$2.2 billion in damages, a statement on the Ministry of Civil Affairs website said. But one official said yesterday that the worst may be over. The floods hit 13 provinces, including Guangdong, Sichuan and Zhejiang, and damaged more than 80,000 homes and affected more than 10 million people, said a statement posted on the State Flood Control and Disaster Relief Headquarters website.

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## Lebanon Marking anniversary



A man carries a child wrapped in a Hezbollah flag during a rally south of Beirut yesterday, to mark 10 years since Israeli troops withdrew from a border strip in south Lebanon, ending a 22-year military presence.

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## War zone in Jamaica

Soldiers, police battle gangsters loyal to accused drug lord on streets of capital

**Thousands of police and soldiers yesterday stormed the Jamaican ghettos where reggae was born in search of a reputed drug kingpin wanted by the United States, intensifying a third day of street battles that have killed at least 30 people.**

The masked gunmen fighting for underworld boss Christopher (Dudus) Coke say he provides services and protection — all funded by a criminal empire that seemed untouchable until the U.S. demanded his extradition.

Coke has built a loyal following in Tivoli Gardens, the poor West Kingston slum that is his stronghold. U.S. authorities say he has been trafficking cocaine to the streets of New York City since the mid-1990s, allegedly hiring island women to hide the drugs on themselves on flights to the United States.

Called "president" and "shortman" by his supporters, Coke does not wear flashy clothes or hold court at Kingston night-

clubs like other powerful gang bosses. The few published photographs of the five-foot-four Jamaican the U.S. Justice Department calls one of the world's most dangerous drug lords show an unassuming man with a pot belly.

Yesterday, masked gunmen in West Kingston vanished down side streets barricaded with barbed wire and junked cars. The sound of gunfire echoed across the slums on Jamaica's south coast, far from the tourist meccas of the north shore. Schools and businesses were closed across the capital and the government appealed for blood donations for the wounded.

At the epicentre of the violence are the West Kingston slums, known as garrisons, which include

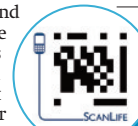


Christopher Coke

the Trenchtown ghetto where reggae superstar Bob Marley was raised.

The son of an alleged gangster, the 41-year-old Coke has strong ties to the governing Jamaica Labor Party, which has counted on gunmen inside his Tivoli Gardens slum to intimidate election rivals. Members of Coke's Shower Posse and affiliated gangs began barricading his stronghold last week following an announcement by Prime Minister Bruce Golding that he would approve Coke's extradition on drug- and gun-running. Golding, who represents Tivoli Gardens, had stonewalled the U.S. request for nine months.

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## U.S. nurse accused of encouraging Canadian suicide ordered off the Internet

**MINNESOTA** A former nurse accused of going online and encouraging depressed people to kill themselves was ordered yesterday to stay off the Internet while his criminal case is pending.

A judge also forbade William Melkert-Dinkel from leaving the state except for work assignments as a long-haul trucker, the

### Aiding suicide

• The rarely-used Minnesota law of aiding suicide that Melkert-Dinkel is charged with carries a possible sentence of up to 15 years in prison and a \$30,000 fine.

career he took up after being stripped of his nursing licence.

The 47-year-old has been charged with encouraging Carleton University student Nadia Kajouji and a man from Britain to take their own lives. Kajouji, 18, of Brampton, Ont., drowned herself in Ottawa's Rideau River two years ago. The other victim, Mark Drybrough, 32, hanged himself at his home in England in 2005.

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### News in brief

**OIL SPILL** Live video of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill shows the underwater plume getting significantly darker. A top oil engineering expert says that suggests heavier, more-polluting oil is spewing out. The colour

of the oil gushing from the main pipe has changed in colour from medium grey to black. Two scientists noticed the change, which BP played down as a natural fluctuation. But engineering professor Bob

Bea at the University of California at Berkeley says the colour change may indicate the BP leak has hit a reservoir of more oil and less gas. Gas is less polluting because it evaporates.

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## Comment

## Call it an ear for an ear

## TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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A man's phone is his castle. So why are barbarians still storming my home phone, usually at the dinner hour, even though I signed up for that do-not-call list the government promised would end my pain?

Turns out I'm not the only one still persecuted by lame and annoying calls from people who want to hijack the next 15 minutes of my life, which I will never see again.

And at my age you start to guard your minutes jealously.

This is a big problem. Eight million telephone numbers have been registered with the federal do-not-call list since it was

launched in 2008. But the CRTC, which is supposed to be some kind of watchdog, received 15,000 complaints from unhappy homeowners in February alone, yet has a pitiful 89 cases under review.

Only 12 tele-bar-

barians have been fined, and only two have coughed up any money.

If I had a watchdog like that, I'd send him to the doghouse without a bone. The CRTC is more like a watchkitty, or maybe a watchgerbil.

It's bad enough there is a long list of exceptions to the do-not-call list. I never want to participate in another survey, provide customer feedback, tell politicians how I mean to vote — or even if I need a ride to the polls (Notice to all

politicians: No. Thank you.)

But I'm also still getting calls from electronic pests who congratulate me for winning an all-expenses-paid, no-strings-attached cruise to nowhere right in



the middle of dinner.

They identify themselves as "Blocked" on call display. Even though I'm almost sure "Blocked" does not deserve an answer, there's a one-in-eight-million chance it could be a representative from Lot-to Max with some very good news.

So I answer the phone. Idiot.

The CRTC has rolled over onto its belly and gone to sleep on this one. Of the thousands of complaints, it has investigated exactly 700, claiming one case could represent 1,000 calls. Most of the time, it sends these people a letter, when the most effective punishment is obvious:

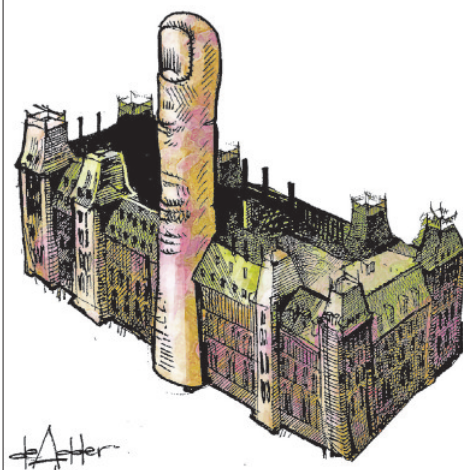
Phone 'em! Phone 'em in the shower! Phone 'em when they're trying to get Junior to lie down and go to sleep! Phone 'em when they finally sit down to watch TV! Phone 'em during those rare moments of stolen connubial bliss!

In other words, do unto them what they do unto us. An ear for an ear! I guarantee it, after a week of that, the telemarketers will fall silent.

And if that doesn't work, go to Plan B. That's when we get the home phone numbers of the CRTC commissioners ...

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## Worth mentioning

## Anti-spam laws may be in place by year-end: Feds

The federal government is reintroducing legislation to stop unwanted spam on computers and cellphones and guard against identity theft.

Industry Minister Tony Clement says if all goes well the legislation could be in force by the end of the year.

Clement said Canada is an outlier among advanced nations for the lack of effective laws against spam, unwanted solicitations or even threats over computers and other wireless devices.

That has allowed spammers to set up shop in Canada and victimize individuals, not only here, but around the world.

The government intends to create a spam-reporting centre to work with government enforcement agencies with the power to shut down sites.

Charities, political parties, pollsters and businesses with an established relationship with a recipient would be exempt from the controls.

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## Word on the street: Which television series would you like to see extended: Lost, 24 or Law & Order?

**Yuri Meronyk**  
Edmonton

A: Law & Order because it is more realistic for people everyday, and it shows what goes on in the real world. I haven't seen the other two series at all so I don't really know anything about them.

**Stephen Maher**  
Edmonton

A: Law & Order because I think it's just one of those shows that should go on forever.

**Dave Patten**  
Edmonton

A: I would like to see Law & Order extended because the other two shows are terrible ... I like all the franchises because they are all really interesting to watch.

**Courtney Varner**  
Halifax

A: Lost, because they didn't really answer all the questions that everybody wanted to know.

**Eric Henry**  
Toronto

A: None. I don't watch any of those. I stopped watching Law & Order three years ago. I've never watched Lost or 24.

**Caroline Hickton**  
Vancouver

A: I would want Law & Order to continue because an extra season would make it the longest-running show ever I believe. I'm also a fan of the show. They always seem to find ways of making it fresh.



## Quote of the Day

**"Trivia is what attracts the attention. The debate is very rarely now on policies, it's always on all sorts of gotcha politics because the media need gotcha politics. They need blood."**

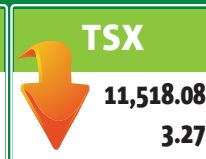
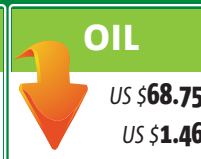
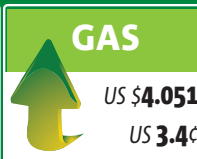
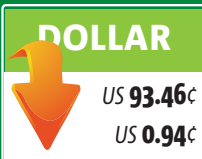
— FORMER PRIME MINISTER JEAN CHRÉTIEN, WHO PARTLY BLAMED "GOTCHA" JOURNALISM FOR THE CYNICISM SURROUNDING POLITICIANS TODAY.  
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# Business



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## Home costs up, but not in Alberta

**Owning a home in Canada has become even more expensive — unless you live in Alberta, according to the latest housing report by RBC Economics Research.**

The report, released yesterday, says homeownership costs in Canada rose for the third straight quarter across all housing segments in the first quarter of 2010.

A strong real estate market and jacked up housing prices are getting the blame for putting a strain on Canadians' bank accounts.

"Although home ownership became more costly

in the first quarter of 2010, affordability measures are still moderately above the long-term average and below peak levels," said RBC senior economist Robert Hogue. "We expect affordability to deteriorate throughout 2010 and 2011, but this should be limited as more balanced supply and demand conditions will take much of the steam out of the housing market."

With the exception of Alberta, home affordability measures deteriorated

across all provinces with a significant decline in affordability in B.C., Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Alberta is the only province to show a drop in the costs of owning a home.

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*We want some too: South Africa's neighbours prepare to cash in on World Cup frenzy.*

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## Hong Kong Cheers to takeovers



Harvey McGrath, left, chairman of Prudential, and Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Limited chairman Ronald Arculli toast during the ceremony of the listing of Prudential in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday. McGrath said yesterday he's confident the British insurer can secure shareholder approval for its planned \$35.5-billion takeover of Asia-based AIA Group from bailed-out U.S. insurer AIG.

## Business in brief

**LABOUR** A Chinese employee of Foxconn Technology Group fell from a building and died in a possible suicide yesterday, state-run media said, in the 10th such death this year at the world's largest contract maker of electronics, such as the iPod, Dell computers and Nokia phones. Labour activists say a string of suicides at the plant proves workers toil in terrible conditions at Foxconn, with long shifts, fast-moving assembly lines and managers enforcing military-style discipline on the workforce.

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**CURRENCY** The Canadian dollar plunged to its lowest level in eight months before recovering yesterday to close at 93.46 cents US, sending a clear signal that Europe's debt crisis has the potential to reach across the Atlantic and impact Canada's mending economy.

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## Man pleads guilty to vomiting on girl and her father during Phillies game

**COURT** A 21-year-old New Jersey man pleaded guilty yesterday to vomiting on another spectator and his 11-year-old daughter in the stands during a Philadelphia Phillies game.

Matthew Clemmens of Cherry Hill, N.J., pleaded guilty to one count each of simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment for his conduct during an

April 14 Phillies-Nationals game at Citizens Bank Park.

Clemmens stuck his fingers down his throat and vomited on Michael Vangelo, an off-duty Easton police captain, and one of Vangelo's daughters after Clemmens' companion was ejected from the park, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Doyle said.

Clemmens and his friend

were spilling beer, cursing and heckling Vangelo and his daughters from the time they arrived at their seats, according to a statement of facts read in court.

After the friend was ejected, Clemmens was sitting alone behind the Vangelos when he answered his cell-



Matthew Clemmens

phone and said, "I need to do what I need to do. I'm going to get sick," the prosecutor said.

Clemmens then put his fingers down his throat and threw up on the father, with some vomit splashing onto Vangelo's younger daughter, Doyle said. He then punched the

father several times in the head before other fans in the stands subdued him, the prosecutor said. He screamed expletives at the crowd as he was led out of the park, Doyle said.

Clemmens' mug shot showed him with a swollen black eye, and authorities acknowledged he was hit as he was being subdued. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Habs hope to keep roster intact

**Change was the single biggest theme going into this season for the Montreal Canadiens, but after a surprising playoff run, the focus is now on stability.**

Fresh off an unexpected run to the Eastern Conference final, Canadiens general manager Pierre Gauthier said yesterday he hopes to keep as much of his roster intact as possible.

"We like our team, we like the way they came together as a group," Gauthier said. "Last summer we changed half the team and you can't do that every year. We have a very good nucleus of players. We want to continue what we started to build this season."

That may be easier said than done.



Gauthier faces the challenge of negotiating a new contract for regular-season scoring leader Tomas Plakencik before he hits unrestricted free agency July 1.

Then there's the never-ending Montreal goalie debate he needs to settle, with both Jaroslav Halak and Carey Price set to become restricted free agents.

Gauthier was not definitive on his plan regarding his goalies, but one thing he made clear was he would not lose either of them to an offer sheet.

"Those two young goaltenders are strong assets that we would protect," he said.

Both Halak, 24, and Price, 22, expressed a certain degree of unease with the idea of repeating a similar situation next year where both are battling for the same net.

Head coach Jacques Martin started Halak in 32 of the Canadiens' final 34 games, including the playoffs.

"Both of us want to play," Halak said. "Unfortunately, (Price) didn't play as much as I did, but only one goalie can play and I played more."

"I'm happy with how the season turned out for me, so we'll see what the future brings." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Workology

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## More resources for health: ACCC

In its submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges states that colleges are uniquely positioned to provide the advanced skills needed by the health sector. The association notes that additional support is needed to address long wait lists for health programs, aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance among other things. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# It's a wild world of animals

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## Paws, Claws and Jobs

JON TATTRIE  
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**A career working with wild animals can take you straight into Canada's city centres or deep into its forests.**

Pam Pritchard works in the Calgary Zoo. For the last 30 years, she's tended to the needs of giraffes, hippopotamuses and elephants. She now handles the zookeeper apprenticeship program.

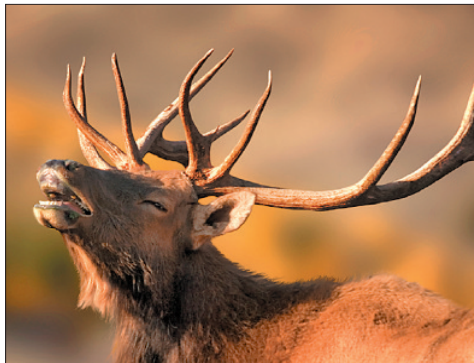
"There's nothing more special than being able to go and see an animal you've worked with for years," she says.

Landing a zookeeper job is hard in Canada, compared to the United States, as there are only a few large zoos in the country.

"The trickiest spot is to get your foot in the door," Pritchard says. Many start by volunteering with animals — at zoos, if they can get a spot, or at any animal sanctuary. From there, many work toward a degree in animal sciences, zoology or biology while working as on-call labourers for a zoo. That means feeding animals and cleaning enclosures.

"They're all right in there getting dirty and wet," she says.

If all goes well, they earn



a spot on the four-year paid apprenticeship program. It combines animal theory with hands-on work on nutrition, training, behaviour and other areas. If that goes well, they're in good position to land a zookeeper's job, Pritchard says.

Rod Cumberland spent much of his childhood in the forests of New Brunswick learning about deer with his hunter father. When he started working in shops and factories as an adult, he noted how miserable his coworkers were.

"I made up my mind that I would do something I loved to do and I pursued a career in wildlife management," he says. "I was really blessed to get the job I did."

He's New Brunswick's official deer biologist. Positions like his usually require a bachelors or masters degree in wildlife or forestry courses from institutions such as Nova Scotia's Acadia University, the University of Prince Edward Island, the University of New Brunswick, the Maritime College of Forest Technology, Sir Sanford Fleming College in Ontario or Alberta's University of Lethbridge.

Cumberland's passion is working in the field. Flying low and slow in a helicopter over dense woods, he counts moose and deer, or tromps on foot to see what predators, be it black bears, coyotes or bobcats, are killing tagged deer to gauge how healthy the population is.

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# Mat leave law full of holes

There is a scam being run by employers across the country. And it is permitted by law. An employee is fired either shortly before or during her maternity leave. She claims that she was fired because she was pregnant or took time off and that her replacement, who has less seniority, took the job she ought to

have retained. The employer, of course, disagrees. Her position no longer exists, or if it does, her termination was unrelated to her leave.

Sometimes there is no replacement hired, at least immediately. But sooner or later, job advertisements will appear, listing most of the duties that she used to perform. When she was fired, she was told that the "restructuring" eliminated her position. However, now the company requires someone to perform most or all of her role, only with a different title.

Terminating employees during maternity leave is generally illegal. But it happens anyway. This is because the legislation in some provinces contains qualifiers, allowing dismissal only where the employer can show it was unrelated to the employee's leave. This is why jobs are often reorganized while employees are away, so that the employer can fit within the exception. Other provinces prohibit termination dur-



Firing employees while they are on maternity leave is generally illegal, but there are ways around it. So if you see your own job posted while on maternity leave, it's best to contact a lawyer.

ing leave but then allow it as soon as the employee returns. These scenarios unfold at workplaces throughout the country, with provincial tribunals and courts increasingly being asked to intervene.

## What can employees do?

File a complaint with a provincial ministry or tribunal: Employment standards legislation provides various levels of

protection. However, unlike court proceedings, where the onus to win a case is on the person who files it, employment standards legislation requires employers to disprove that the termination was illegal.

File a human rights complaint: Although human rights legislation does not require an employer to reinstate an employee following materni-

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ty leave, it does not permit termination where there was a connection to that employee's leave.

Sue for wrongful dismissal: There are court cases stating that even if an employee is not fired because she is pregnant or took a leave, she may be entitled to more severance than she would otherwise be entitled to because it would generally be more difficult for her to find other work.

Threaten proceedings and then negotiate for more. Employees are owed severance pay when terminated before, during or after their maternity leave. It is open to them to argue that their personal circumstances entitle them to more. Make this argument with an experienced lawyer — not on your own.

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Simon Sinek, author of Start With Why, discusses how leaders who are most effective achieve results because there is more meaning behind their message. To make more money or become more powerful are often things that leaders might aspire to achieve, but at the end of the day, that is not what motivates the consumer to buy or the citizen to vote. The leader needs to start with why.

Sinek cites an example of how the Wright Brothers achieved the first flight before Samuel Pierpont Langley, a highly connect-

## BookReview

ed, influential and financed officer of the Smithsonian Institute. Although they shared the same goal at the exact same time, only "the Wright brothers were able to inspire those around them and truly lead their team to develop a technology that would change the world." They started with "why?"

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# Travel

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## Find your way around Thailand

The Lonely Planet books are very useful for all budgets, covering backpackers to those who like to splash their cash. This book covers all the Thai islands and coastal areas, as well as an extensive section on Bangkok. It includes details of transportation between all the different areas which is really handy if you are making your own way around Thailand, and there are tips on scams to avoid. It also includes the usual information of accommodation, eating options, things to do.

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Namur's demure style

## Find the best of Belgium in this little town

PAUL BALDWIN  
Metro World News

Belgium certainly has its merits. But there's an overwhelming lovely, friendly feel to Namur which has to be experienced.

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and play in Namur.

### DAILY BUDGET

#### \$50

#### EAT

Saint Auban food market  
A fabulous market offering local produce from the famous local pate, crunchy fresh breads and delicious baked goods. Enjoy the experience then grab yourself a picnic.

#### STAY

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Absolutely no frills — but the lack of luxury is reflected in the price. Location is good and if you're lucky you'll even get a view of the Meuse. Basically somewhere to sleep.

([hotelformule1.com](http://hotelformule1.com))

#### GO

The Citadel  
The Citadel of Namur has been a European military stronghold since the Middle Ages and was only recently de-commissioned. There are a series of walks offering fabulous views.

([citadelle.namur.be](http://citadelle.namur.be))

### DAILY BUDGET

#### \$100

#### EAT

La Petite Fugue  
This is a stylish restaurant with an almost opulent feel. Menus from \$18 (lunch) to \$50 (dinner) and a la carte (and fois gras to die for). ([lapetitefugue.be](http://lapetitefugue.be))

#### STAY

Hotel Beaugard



The St. Aubin's Cathedral is a must-visit when in Namur.

On the banks of the River Meuse the Hotel Beaugard mixes tranquil surroundings with easy access to the city centre.

([benotel.com](http://benotel.com))

#### GO

Felicien Rops Museum  
An homage to a much

underrated 19th century Namur artist whose work covers includes sprawling landscapes to touching portraits.

Though, most people go to see his surreal nude paintings.

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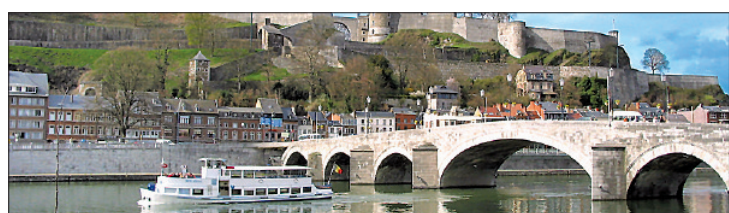
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# Metro Drive



## Sex and the Benz

As many as four different Mercedes-Benz models can be seen in *Sex And The City 2*, starring Sarah Jessica Parker. The cars are: the all-new E-Class Convertible, the S400 Hybrid Sedan, the G-Class SUV and the ultra-luxury Maybach sedan. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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### Automotive in brief

**RESEARCH** New-vehicle shoppers who are highly satisfied with their automotive manufacturer website experience are more likely to test drive a vehicle from that manufacturer's lineup, according to a recent J.D. Power and Associates 2010 Canadian Man-

ufacturer study. The study finds that the likelihood to test drive a vehicle after visiting that manufacturer's website increases by 22 per cent among highly satisfied shoppers, compared with less-satisfied shoppers. "Sixty per cent of shoppers in the market for a new vehicle in the next

year have already visited a manufacturer's website, and twice as many shoppers visit a manufacturer's site compared with a third-party site," said Ryan Robinson, Canadian automotive practice leader at J.D. Power and Associates.

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For an entry-level model, the 2011 Chevrolet Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath.

## Cruze makes mark

JIL MCINTOSH  
for Metro Canada



### 2011 Chevrolet Cruze

**Type:** Compact sedan  
**Price:** Not Available  
**Engine:** 1.4L turbocharged four-cylinder/1.8L four-cylinder  
**Fuel Economy:** 5.0L/100 km (estimated)

#### Highlights

- Sophisticated handling
- Quiet like a big car
- Host of features inside

model. It produces 138 horsepower, but far more importantly, it makes 148 lb-ft of torque, and at just 1,850 rpm. That's the twist power that gets everything moving. Both engines come with a six-speed transmission, in manual or automatic.

Don't think go-fast: the 1.4-litre, which runs on regular-grade fuel, is turbocharged for fuel efficiency. It doesn't feel quick, but it builds speed smoothly and with no turbo lag. In Canada, it's estimated at 5.0 L/100 km (56 mpg) on the highway.

For an entry-level model, Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath, using a patented rear suspension that includes a Watts link — two horizontal bars with a central pivot to help keep the back end straight. On a tight curve of the proving ground's intentionally bad road, Cruze held solid at 100 km/h.

Cruze is also remarkably quiet and could well become the benchmark for big-car characteristics in a small vehicle.

It's not available for full testing just yet, but GM invited me to its proving grounds in Michigan to drive a few laps.

It's nowhere near enough for a complete assessment, especially since pricing remains a mystery, but the initial impression is positive: in ride, handling and noise levels, it feels like a mini-Malibu.

Already on sale in Europe, China and Mexico, it will eventually expand to some 60 countries. Ours will come from Ohio.

It will be a sedan only, with two hatchbacks slotting under it: the subcom-

compact Aveo, currently built in Korea, will be redesigned and produced in the U.S., while Korea will then send over the new Spark minicar.

Cruze will come with a choice of engines. The base LS trim uses a 1.8-litre four-cylinder, making an estimated 136 horsepower.

I didn't get to drive it, but some overseas critics say it's underpowered, especially given the car's weight. The volume seller will be a new turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder, which will appear in the mid-range LT and top-line LTZ, as well as a fuel- and money-saving "Eco"

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The president of the California Association of Museums has announced an effort to establish a California special licence plate featuring Snoopy. Each plate will feature a reproduction of an original Snoopy drawing by Charles Schulz. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Hankook ups the ante on tire tech

JIL MCINTOSH  
for Metro Canada



**While it may seem to be all about the engine, fuel economy includes many diverse factors, right down to the tires. If it takes less energy to turn the wheels, the car will use less fuel — the idea behind Hankook Tire's low rolling resistance technology.**

Because they're relatively soft, tires naturally deform and then recover as the weight of the car presses them against the road as they turn.

The deformation creates heat and resistance; the more you have of that, the more fuel it takes to turn them.

"There are a lot of different technologies used to create a tire that is low rolling resistance," says Bill Hume, vice-president of Hankook Tire Canada.

"The tread rubber accounts for 60 to 70 per cent of the overall resistance. The other area of concern is the rest of the tire, the casing, which includes the cord body, sidewall rubber and bead rubber. We use a special technology that increases the tension of the casing to make it tighter, which minimizes deformation.

"The tread rubber also needs to be harder. You have to stiffen the tread rubber because you want it to be less resistant, but at the same time you're making it harder, you could be detracting from other qualities, such as winter or wet traction. That's where

you need to have very technologically advanced rubber compounding, so you don't give up one quality aspect to gain the low rolling resistance. One of the materials we use in the tread is very minute amounts of silica, which binds the rubber and makes it more fuel-efficient and less susceptible to deformation."

While Hankook markets a specific low rolling resist-

ance tire, which uses a special tread pattern, the company incorporates the technology of low rolling resistance into all of its products. Since the tires run cooler, and heat is a natural enemy of rubber, such technologies also help to

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If it takes less energy to turn the wheels, the car will use less fuel — the idea behind Hankook Tire's low rolling resistance technology.

prolong tire life.

Hume estimates that the technology can reduce

rolling resistance by up to 20 per cent, and while fuel costs are usually a cus-

tomers' first concern, such a tire can also reduce the vehicle's CO2 emissions by as much as 820 kilograms over the tire's life.

"Even though there are tires from many manufacturers that address rolling resistance and fuel efficiency, the average consumer can always make their tires as efficient as they can be with proper air pressure," Hume says.

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## Hey look, I drove a Rolls-Royce

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What's going on at Rolls-Royce? Two new cars in less than a year? Bless my ascot, what ever happened to tradition, permanence, and

staying blissfully apart from the crowd that must staminate to every new flavour of the month?

The big Phantom sedan, in production since 2003, welcomed a Droptop (or convertible) model in 2008. A new model every five years sounds about right. But over the past year, Rolls ushered in both a new Phantom Coupe and the all-new "smaller" sedan christened Ghost.

I haven't driven either of new cars yet, but last summer took a twirl in a beautiful, cream-coloured Phan-



Of course, all Rolls-Royce models come with a condominium-worthy price tag. From left, the Rolls Royce Phantom Coupe (\$408,000 and up), Phantom (\$380,000 and up), Ghost (\$275,000 and up) and the Phantom Drophead Coupe (\$443,000 and up)

tom sedan. I offer the following observations of that drive, because, well, I wish it be known that I drove a Rolls-Royce and you didn't. (I didn't used to be like this.)

The first thing you notice is the steering wheel. The Phantom sedan is over six metres long, but the steering wheel is smallish and very thin.

"In a Rolls, you drive with your fingers, and with your elbows in," said Wayne Kung.

He sat next to me during my drive because that's his job — explaining Rolls-Royce to journalists and preventing them from taking test cars to Mexico.

At one point I ask Kung which road I should take,

and he responds with, "You're in a Rolls-Royce ... Feel free to be very individualistic about your choice of roads."

But while this Rolls is a hoot to drive, the experience in the backseat is what sets this brand apart. So I take a turn back there, which essentially feels, looks and smells like a

leather living room.

"Every material in here is what it looks like," remarked Kung, meaning no "faux" anything. Hey Wayne, this headliner looks like cashmere. Is this really cashmere Wayne? "Yes."

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.





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When Today show news anchor Ann Curry delivered the commencement speech at Wheaton College in Massachusetts Saturday, she named a list of distinguished alumni. The problem is all the people she mention attended the Wheaton College in Illinois. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Entertainment

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## Quaid sues

Actor Dennis Quaid has sued the pharmaceutical company that makes the blood thinner heparin following the overdoses that threatened the lives of his newborn twins three years ago. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

# Gyllenhaal bulks up for Prince

BRUNO MARTINS  
for Metro Canada

**In the Prince of Persia: Sands of Time** Jake Gyllenhaal plays Dastan, a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger. If the dagger falls into the wrong hands, it could destroy the world.

To prepare for the shoot Gyllenhaal — who now sports a large chest and biceps after buffing up for the role — spent a lot of time researching and studying the videogame that the movie is based on. We talked with him in London.

**Q** This Prince of Persia is such a huge production. Weren't you an indie guy, once upon

a time, before becoming Prince Dastan?

**A** I guess so. But I think I've done a lot of different kind of films, but this is definitely the biggest one.

**Q** How did it make you feel when you arrived at the set and saw all those massive sets?

**A** When we were driving to the set, each road where we were driving, there would be 500 cars ... particularly in Morocco ... There were thousands of cars, (it) looked like we were going to a sporting event! Then it took me 40 minutes to suit up in my costume, like I was going to some game. Soon as we

walked on the set, it was insane. The big thing was all those details. We could shoot in every corner, we could do stunts with two units (two action sets at the same time), with one 100 feet up in the air.

**Q** Are you hooked on those big productions now?

**A** I really liked it. I've just done two movies smaller in size and that was a wonderful thing to do for me after this one, because I did need to feed other aspects of my skill set. It's a kind of drug, when you're jumping over things, fighting people, looking like a bad ass ... it's hard not to want to do it again.



In the Prince of Persia: Sands of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger.

**Q** How much did you workout for the movie, to improve your body? But did you also play the original videogame?

**A** Yes, and it was a very difficult research process. I had to exercise and play

videogames (laughs). I'm not a card carrying gamer, but I definitely love playing videogames. As a kid I played the first version of the game ... then I took a 20-year hiatus. When I got the script I was fascinated because the primary resource

for this is the videogame. I played like I would meet a marine if I was going to be a marine or go to prison if I was going to play someone in jail.

**Q** Were you expecting so much buzz on your buffing up?

**A** Well ... it wasn't made on vanity. It was on a functionality, to try to make all those stunts. There's been some curious approaches like: "Oh, you did those stunts, cool. But how do you look like that?" Someone asked me: "How did that make you feel?" I was like: "I pretty much felt the same inside, you know!" (laughs) My strength, inside, the most important, comes from a lot of other different pain.

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## critics' corner

### American Idol

In the season finale, the top 12 finalists reunite for the last time before host Ryan Seacrest reveals the winner, then collapses, drenching the T-shirt of departing judge Simon Cowell with his tears. OK, we made up that last part, but how huge would the ratings be for that? Probably way higher than the crowning of one of the least impressive Idols in the show's history, whoever that may be, we're guessing. 9 PM on CFRN, KAYU



### The Rendering

Smarter than the average woman-in-jeopardy fare, this 2002 thriller casts Shannan Doherty as an artist and one-time crime victim who finds solace in helping others as a police sketch artist. Life is good until one day when she's drawing a suspect according to the victim's description and finds a very familiar face staring back at her. Who? Let's just say it's someone she knows. 11 PM on W

## Critics claim Hollywood whitewash

**MOVIES** The hopes of many are resting on the shoulders of 12-year-old Aang.

Ever since he first came out of a block of ice in the Nickelodeon cartoon series Avatar: The Last Airbender, the other tribes in his fictional, Asian-inspired world saw Aang and his power over the elements as their last chance for peace after a century of conflict.

Now Paramount Pictures and director M. Night Shyamalan bring the story to the big screen with The Last Airbender, opening July 2. Yet some fans say whatever hopes they had for the live-action movie have been dashed by what is known as "whitewashing" — the selection of white actors to fill the main hero roles instead of the people of color.

"To take this incredibly loved children's series, and really distort not only the ethnicity of the individual characters but the message of acceptance and cultural diversity ... is a huge blow," said Michael Le of Racebending.com, a fan site calling for a boycott.

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The Send Off, the latest album by P.E.I.-born Rose Cousins, was largely inspired by the last three years, including the traumatic death of her grandmother.

## East Coast charm

Cousins sophomore record shows maturity

RICK MCGINNIS  
for Metro Canada

**Loss and departure are all over Rose Cousins' new record, suitably titled The Send Off, but it's not a melancholy record despite it all.**

Recorded three years after her debut record and a product of years of gigging, it's the sort of mature sound that some musicians would despair of achieving.

P.E.I.-born and Halifax resident, Cousins comes out of the furiously productive East Coast music scene, a place where a collegial, supportive atmosphere seems to have trumped the competitive balkanization that reigns elsewhere.

"Not everybody who lives out here is necessarily from here," says Cousins, "but a lot of us are and we mostly grew up in smaller communities, and I think that lends itself to there being more room for everybody and not so much a competition as much as how we can all help each other."

Cousins looked for — and found — the same sort of support when she searched for a producer for The Send Off, settling on Luke Doucet, another Maritimer whose work as a producer has attracted as much attention as his own music. The result is an evocative, airy record full of iridescent textures.

"Luke told me not to be too overprepared so that we'd be open to the process," Cousins recalls. "Each day when we approached the studio I would play a little demo for the musicians and the song would be built that day, in a no-holds-barred wide open kind of deal, and Luke was amazing at driving that process and saying 'let's try this' whether we ended up

using it or not."

The record's themes were the product of Cousins' life in the three years since her debut album, If You Were For Me. A period that saw the death of her beloved grandmother — a blow that ended up inspiring The Send Off's title track.

"I guess the inevitability of having to let go of things as we get older, the age that I'm at and losing my grandmother and realizing that there's nothing you can do, and you can keep someone in your memory — it ap-

plies to so many things."

The years spent on the road also gave Cousins an appreciation for the work a musician needs to do these days, where the record industry's ongoing creative destruction has made so many artists into entrepreneurs as well as performers. That led to a recent trip to Los Angeles, where she looked into the placement of her songs into TV and movie soundtracks — potentially massive exposure that many independent acts have come to rely on.

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**Hogan back to court**  
Hulk Hogan is going back to court, this time to sue Post Foods over a Cocoa Pebbles commercial he claims appropriated his image without permission, according to Tampa Bay Online. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Celebrity Buzz

# Death obsessed

**BRITNEY BACK TO THE FUTURE**  
Britney Spears is reportedly keen on the idea of being cryogenically frozen after she dies so that she can be brought back to life later, according to the Sun.

"Brit gets these obsessions and this is the latest," a source says. "It started when someone told her Walt Disney had been preserved by cryogenics to be revived in the future. Brit found the whole thing so interesting she spent most of her Mother's Day trip to Disneyland researching the subject on the Internet while a nanny took the boys round the park."

Spears is so intent on cheating death that she's reportedly invested in a

firm specializing in cryogenics.

"She looked into having her ashes turned into diamonds after she is gone but settled on the chance of getting to live in the future," the source adds.

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## CelebTweets

Today, **DEMI LOVATO** wants to clear some things up, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is a proud older sister, **SARAH SILVERMAN** is going for the hard sell and **BRITNEY SPEARS** can't pick a favourite.

@ddlovato There are so many crazy rumors flying around today. I'd like to clear a few things up. First, Joe and I did split but it wasn't over the phone. Things didn't work out but we'll remain friends. Secondly, I am NOT dating anybody already.

@lindsaylohan congratulations to my brother graduating top of his class! he's so brilliant & im SO proud of him!! yay Mikey! @dinamlohan raised us well! @SarahSilverman I swear to god I'm going to murder my dog if more people don't buy my book right now.

@britneyspears I like New York, but I also LOVE London! That's a tough one because there are so many cities I love.

# Rip Torn charge dismissed

**ONE CHARGE DROPPED, ANOTHER TO GO** A Connecticut judge has dismissed a drunken-driving charge against Rip Torn after the actor completed a court-ordered alcohol education program.

Torn was arrested in December 2008 near his home in Salisbury. He was stopped while driving in the breakdown lane with a Christmas tree tied atop his Subaru. Bantam Superi-

or Court Judge Cara Eschuck dismissed the charge Friday because Torn completed a program that gives drunken-driving defendants a chance to clear their

records. But another case is pending against the 79-year-old: charges that he broke into a bank in January while intoxicated and armed. He returned to court yesterday in that case.

Torn won an Emmy for The Larry Sanders Show. Screen credits include the Men in Black movies.

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# 'Grownup' Cyrus rebuffs criticism

**I'M A BIG GIRL NOW!** Miley Cyrus is bristling at the criticism she's received for dabbling in racier imagery with her new album and videos.

"No one ever wants to see someone grow up," she complains, according to Wonderwall. "It's like

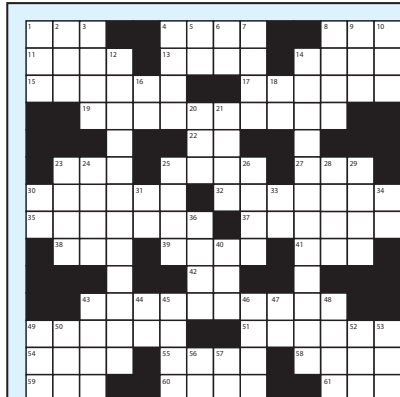
when Hilary Duff started growing up off the Disney Channel.

Everyone thought she was anorexic and she did this and that. It's just because she grew up! She didn't look like a 12-year-old anymore."

As grown up as she's feeling, 17-year-old Cyrus

isn't ready to head off to college just yet. "I'm not going to go to college right now," she says. "I am a firm believer that you can go back at any age you want, because my grandma went back to college at 62 years old."

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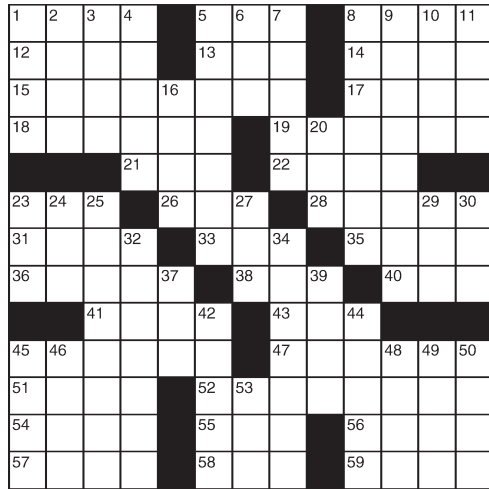


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- 19 One portion of the laundry
- 21 Ultramodernist
- 22 Jeans-maker Strauss
- 23 From — Z
- 26 Yoko of music
- 28 From Cardiff, e.g.
- 31 Slugger Sammy
- 33 Pouch
- 35 Speak unclearly
- 36 City in Japan
- 38 Took off
- 40 Chances, for short
- 41 Protracted

- 43 Sleuth, slangily
- 45 First game of the season
- 47 Authoritative order
- 51 Ms. Moore
- 52 "Not necessarily"
- 54 Sports-caster Andrews
- 55 Kids' card game
- 56 Whistle sound
- 57 Urban pall
- 58 Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett
- 59 Hamburg's river

**DOWN**

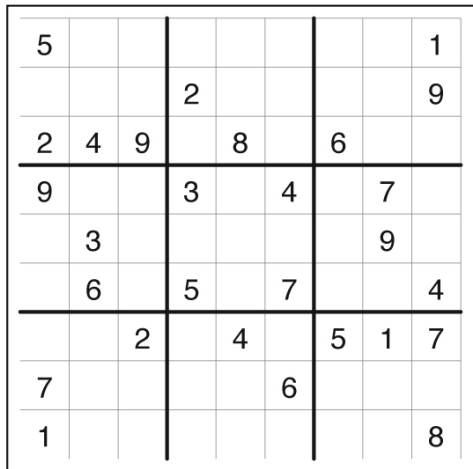
- 1 Group of allied countries
- 2 Ethereal
- 3 Colorless
- 4 Shirley of "Goldfinger"
- 5 Shop-talk vocabularies
- 6 Where (Lat.)
- 7 Villainous look
- 8 Indigenes
- 9 Southwestern

- 10 Sea eagle
- 11 Dregs
- 16 Sandwich treat
- 20 Chop
- 23 Inquire
- 24 Plaything
- 25 Melody used for Elvis' "It's Now or Never"
- 27 Rowing need
- 29 Dine
- 30 Day fractions (Abbr.)
- 32 Expiating
- 34 — seat (advantageous situation)
- 37 Indivisible
- 39 Require
- 42 Gets bigger
- 44 Skydiver's device
- 45 Praiseful poetry
- 46 Hair salon request
- 48 Carbon compound
- 49 Uppity one
- 50 Carry
- 53 Dinner for Dobbin

**Sudoku**

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



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**Metro Recipe of the Day**



**Turnip Casserole**

**INGREDIENTS:**

- 4 turnips, peeled and cubed
- 1 cup water
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 tbsp butter
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

**METHOD:**

1. Place turnips in large pot and cover with water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 15 minutes or until tender and drain.
2. Transfer turnips to bowl and mash. Add egg, sugar,

butter and salt; mix well. Transfer to greased 1-L baking dish; sprinkle with cinnamon.

3. Cover and bake at 350°F (180°C) 20-25 minutes or until thermometer reads 160°F/71°C and turnip mixture is heated through.

**SERVES 4**

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
Ignore those who say you should be on the move. By all means sit quietly and give your brain and body a rest.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
You no longer seem to think of money and property and possessions in quite the same way you did before. They are useful, certainly, but useful for what?

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Your horizons are expanding in all directions. Ideas that never interested you before will suddenly be of the utmost importance.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
You will be asking yourself some rather deep questions today and the answers you get won't always be easy to handle.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
Do what you do best. Reach for your highest potential. Rarely have you been the focus of so much positive power, but it is up to you to make use of it.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
The world is not out to get you and if you think it is you need to change. Try to think of life as being neutral — neither for you or against you.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
The coming week will have its ups and downs but overall you will make significant progress.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
You will be none too pleased when something unexpected comes along to disturb your well organized lifestyle today. Perhaps it's time to get moving.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
The Sun in Gemini over the next few weeks will coincide with a phase when you enjoy total self-belief. It doesn't matter if the world is against you.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
You will be extremely busy this week, but try not to do things for the sake of it. All your activities must have a purpose. They must all have a goal.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
This is one of the most important times of the year for you. If you want recognition you are about to get it. Just make sure you get it for the right reasons.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
You may feel out of touch with the spirit of the times but is that really such a big deal? You don't have to be like everyone else.

**This day in history**

- 1647: Alice Young becomes the first person executed as a witch in the American colonies, when she is hanged in Hartford, Conn.
- 1889: Opening of the first Eiffel Tower elevator to the public.
- 1896: Charles Dow publishes the first edition of the Dow Jones Industrial Average.
- 1928: The first motion picture is projected publicly in Athens, Greece.
- 2004: Terry Nichols is found guilty of 161 state murder charges for helping carry out the Oklahoma City bombing.

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